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Transport upgrades and the undeniable terrors of a mouse

PC Bill Lythell of Stretham

***MIKE PETTY** AND **JAMES MILNER** LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE NEWS** ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST*

Chesterton Junction

Milton Railway Station – 1986

British Rail may build new stations near Cambridge and Huntingdon as part of a modernisation scheme.

A county transportation spokesman called for stations at Milton and at new villages near Waterbeach and Swavesey which are under consideration in the structure plan review.

He would also like to see the St Ives to Cambridge line reopened and a stop at Milton would help to service the Science Park as well.

This was endorsed by the Railway Development Society which also suggested stations at North Arbury and Cherry Hinton.

Drummer Street Station – 1982

City councillors want a full-scale transport complex to give quick interchange for rail and bus passengers on long distance and local services to be sited at the Railway Station.

There is plenty of parking with toilet and refreshment facilities already on hand.

The county council's controversial plans to spend £400,000 on rebuilding Drummer Street Bus Station would still leave it a cramped site with poor access.

Drummer Street station in 1986

Billy the Bobby on the beat – 1963

Going 'on the beat' for PC William Lythell of Stretham has, for nearly 20 years, meant just stepping outside his own front and making a tour of the village in which he was born and brought up.

He joined as a war reserve one September morning in 1939 and transferred to Stretham five years later, a place where everyone was his friend.

One of the few constables who still rides a pedal cycle on duty, he has thoroughly enjoyed his work.

He married a local girl and one of his sons is also a policeman.

Silver Street bridge during the floods of 1947

No danger of bridge collapsing...yet – 1938

The foundation of Silver Street Bridge, built in about 1850, has been partially washed away by the rush of water from the King's Mill sluice, a diver underpinning Queens' College discovered.

The Cambridge borough surveyor donned a diving suit and personally inspected the damage.

There is no danger of it collapsing yet but, as a precaution, buses and heavy lorries will be banned.

For many years, heavy vehicles have been limited to a speed of five mph.

In June, the council adopted a scheme to construct a new one by acquiring land from the college. But the county council opposed it.